

2008-2009 Seasons, Dates and Limits

Species	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
*Wild Boar (Gun)	October 25	November 1	1		
*Wild Boar (Archery)	October 18	December 31			
*Deer (Buck)	November 24	December 6	See pages 12-15 and antlerlesss table page 17.		
*Deer (Archery)	October 18	December 31			
*Deer (Antlerless)	November 24**	December 13			
Split Season	December 24	December 27			
Hampshire County	October 31	November 1			
*Deer (Muzzleloader)	December 15	December 20			
*Deer (Youth/Class Q Hunt)	November 1	November 1	1		
Split Season	December 22	December 23	1	2	2
*Bear (Archery)	October 18	November 22	1		
*Bear (Gun) (Selected Counties – page 34)	September 18	September 27			
	September 22	September 27			
	November 24	December 6			
	December 8	December 31			
	*Turkey, Fall (Selected Counties) (Selected Counties – page 29)	October 25			
Preston County	October 25	November 1	1		
	October 25	November 8			
*Turkey (Spring 2009 - Bearded Only)	April 27	May 23	1	2	2
*Turkey (2009 Youth Hunt - page 29)	April 25	April 25	1 - counts towards spring season bag limit of two		
Squirrel (Gray, Black, Albino and Fox)	October 11	January 31	6	24	None
Squirrel (Youth Hunt - page 27)	October 4	October 4	6		
Ruffed Grouse	October 18	February 28	4	16	None
Bobwhite Quail	November 1	January 3	3	9	None
Cottontail Rabbit	November 1	February 28	5	20	None
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	November 1	February 28	2	8	None
Ring-necked Pheasant (cock birds only)	November 1	January 3	2	2	None
Hillcrest WMA (cock birds only)	November 8	November 29	1	1	None
Raccoon (Hunting) The bag limit during an 11-hour period beginning at 6 p.m. and ending at 5 a.m. is four raccoons for each person or groups of persons hunting as a party.	October 18	February 28	4	See definition of possession limit on page 8.	None
Raccoon (Trapping)	November 1	February 28	None		
Red Fox, Gray Fox (Hunting and Trapping)	November 1	February 28	None		
*Bobcat (Hunting and Trapping)	November 1	February 28	3		
Mink, Muskrat (Trapping)	November 1	February 28	None		
*Fisher (Trapping)	November 1	January 31	1		
*Beaver (Trapping)	November 1	March 31	None		
Crow	October 1	November 22	None		
Split Season	January 1	March 7			
Nuisance Crows - crows committing depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, home gardens, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated so as to constitute a health hazard and or other nuisance may be killed at any time.					
Coyote (day)	Continuous Open Season		None		
Coyote (night)***	January 1	July 31			
Skunk, Opossum, Woodchuck, Weasel, English Sparrow, European Starling and Pigeon		Continuous Open Season	None		
Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, and Weasel (Trapping)	November 1	February 28			
Mountain Lion, Elk, Otter, Song and Insectivorous Birds, Hawks, Falcons and Eagles				No Open Season	
Geese, Ducks, Mourning Doves, Gallinules, Rails, Woodcock, and Common Snipe		Harvest Information Program (HIP) card required. See WVDNR Migratory Bird Hunting regulations available in September.			
*Must be checked at an official game checking station		**December 7 Closed		***Can only use amber-colored or red-colored light	